Dear Les, 7/14/77

This is the rough I prepared this z.m. intending to revise it when I had time and when I felt better and wwas without constrant interruptions. Then in today's mail Jim got the DJ bargain-basement substitute* a 40% discount and no remission of search fees. I've asked him to reserve rights to full recovery and proceed to get the refund so he can put it in the account he uses for such costs.

You know of my interest in making information available to students and that I have arranged for students to have access to you and your work in other fields about which you can says as much as you want or nothing.

You have personal knowledge of my making my files available to those who take information to the people from personal experience, from my making both records and what I learn from records available to you, from the fact that as I go over records, knowing your special interests, I make copies for you and provide them to you.

If you would care to go into my giving you leads and directing you to sources when I was not able to travel and that there resulted two stories that carried entirely new information from coast-to-coast relating to the King assassination that might help. The copy of the Kelley letter you gave me is in the court records. If you could provide another copy I'd appreciate it because I can now prove it is false. I'd like to attach it, too.

I think the standard is national interests, which also means availability, and non-personal profit.

In your case I think it would be helpful to include your public-affairs/public-relations experience as an Army officer on the staff of General Westmoreland in this capacity; that you are the minority-affairs expert for Newsdays and its national news syndicate, and that your other qualifications include a gold Pulitzer for participation in the investigation that led to a definitive expose of "The Heroin Trail," for which the award and the name of a book condensing the series of articles. I'll be asking another Pulitzer and I think a couple included will improve the odds on success. These are heavy costs for me and Jim is hurting much.

Some of the interruptions are not bad, like the last. I'll be getting the last 6 sections of the HQ MURKIN FILE next week. The processing of six Invaders files has begun. There are 29 on the sanitation strike. The processing of them follows a section on Ray and one on Battle after the Invaders. They were a little worried about what bpils down to bedroom stuff. I told them to omit and claim the privacy exemption except if a female involved was an agent. In that case I would find it relevant and the invasion of privacy not "unwarranted," the language of the Act. Besides this there are 131 Memphis MURKINs. The total in the Memphis FO twice that of HQ. Oh, my! I don't know the average page number of the Field Office Sections. They have avergaed about 200 pp. in Washington.

What this means is that not long after you are back from Memphis there will be more for you, much, much reading.

If you have any questions about the statement please ask Jim. I think unnotarized might do but notarized would probably do better.

Hope it was a good vacation.

Best,